

SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS COMMUNICATIONS

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Sedgwick County Emergency Management Recognizes Severe Weather Safety Week

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – It is "Severe Weather Awareness Week" and Sedgwick County Emergency Management wants to remind the citizens of Sedgwick County to take precautions now in order to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

Here is a list of things you can do now in order to be prepared when severe weather strikes:

- Identify the outdoor warning device/siren closest to your home.
- Have a radio with a backup battery. If the weather looks bad, take it along!
- Know where your closest, safest shelter (safe room, basement, etc.) is located.
- Prepare an emergency kit (flashlight, radio with batteries, water, shoes and blankets) for your home and your car.

"It is imperative that everyone is prepared in the event of a severe storm or tornado," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "Sedgwick County Emergency Management is here to offer tips and help in getting prepared."

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Sedgwick County Emergency Management is also offering Tornado/Severe Weather Spotter classes throughout Sedgwick County during March and April. A list of class locations and times is attached.

If you would like additional information about preparing for any type of emergency, contact Sedgwick County Emergency Management at 383-7546 or visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.gov. (Ready to Respond information).

2003 Tornado/Severe Weather Spotter Classes Sedgwick County Emergency Management

Mount Hope Community Bldg. 105 S. Ohio St. Monday, March 3, 2003, At 7:00pm

Bel Aire City Bldg. 4551 N. Auburn St. Thursday, March 6, 2003, At 7:00pm

Derby Police Dept. 229 N. Baltimore St. Monday, March 10, 2003, At 7:00pm

Wichita City Council Chambers 455 N. Main St. Tuesday, March 11, 2003, At 7:00pm

Colwich City Bldg. 351 S. Fifth St. Thursday, March 13, 2003, At 7:00pm

Viola City Bldg. Main St. & Wilson St. Monday, March 9, 1998, At 7:00pm

Clearwater Fire Station Ross St. & Tracy St. Tuesday, March 18, 2003, At 7:00pm

Andale City Bldg. 304 N. Main St. Thursday, March 20, 2003, 7:00pm

Mulvane Fire Station 910 E. Main St. Monday, March 24, 2003, At 7:00pm

Goddard Community Bldg. 122 N. Main St. Tuesday, March 25, 2003, At 7:00pm

Haysville Middle School 900 W. Grand Ave. Thursday, March 27,2003, At 7:00pm Eastborough City Bldg. #1 Douglas Ave. Monday, March 31, 2003, At 7:00pm

Garden Plain St Anthony Parish Hall 615 N. Main St. Thursday, April 3, 2003, At 7:00pm

Kechi Methodist Church 4533 E. 61st St. N. Tuesday, April 8, 2003, At 7:00pm

Maize Community Bldg. 401 Khedive St. Thursday, April 10, 2003, At 7:00pm

Valley Center Public Safety Bldg. 616 E. Fifth St. Monday, April 14, 2003, At 7:00pm

Sedgwick County Zoo Education Bldg. 5555 Zoo Blvd Tuesday, April 15, 2003, At 7:00pm

Park City Senior Center 6100 N. Hydraulic St. Thursday, April 17, 2003, At 7:00pm

Bentley City Bldg. 150 S. Wichita St. Monday, April 21, 2003, At 7:00pm

Sedgwick Community Center 520 Commercial St Thursday, April 24, 2003, At 7:00pm

Extreme Weather Fair Kansas Coliseum (Pavilion II) Saturday, April 26, 2003, At 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cheney Fire Station 525 N. Main St. Monday, April 28, 2003, At 7:00pm